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Learning the alphabet is a tricky thing.

The easiest way to remember it is to attach its sequence to something memorable. Like, for example, a pack of ravenous wolverines.

If you were pursued by 26 wolverines, you might label the first one as Alphonse, the second Boris, and so on. This would give you something to recite as you were disemboweled on a snowbank.

This is a roughly similar experience to perusing Edward Gorey's *The Gashlycrumb Tinies* at a young age. A singsong recounting of 26 waifs, each dying a more horrid death than the last, is delightfully memorable. "A is for Amy who fell down the stairs" starts off plain enough for childhood trauma, but "B is for Basil assaulted by bears" kicks it far into the realm of the bizarre. It's catchy enough to stick deep in your brain and make you turn on the hall light. Embrace your night terrors, the winsome Gorey said, and at the very least you'll remember the alphabet.

Speaking of night terrors, the 2016 United States presidential campaign brought us the horrifying spectre of a Donald Trump presidency. Whilst listing all of the things that we would lose if Mr. Trump ascended to Pennsylvania Avenue, I thought, "Why don't people remember these things?" And then I thought perhaps it was because they didn't have a mnemonic to remember it by.

Something catchy. Something horrifying.

And so this book. Each page is a thing we love, soon to be taken away if we don't stand up to demagoguery and hate. I rallied many of my favorite comic and fantasy artists to do a panel apiece, in a blend of their own and Gorey's style. Enjoy, and kindly terrify your children with it.

That's the Gorey way.

Mike Selinker, September 2016

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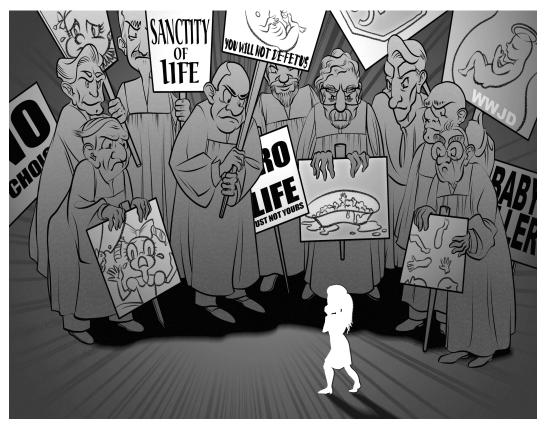
These are the things the TRUMP took away. All since we didn't vote against him that day.



A is for ARCTIC, drilled by wells so tall by Nate Taylor



B is for BORDER, blighted by a big wall by Len Peralta



C is for CHOICE, wiped out by a stacked court by Jade Gordon

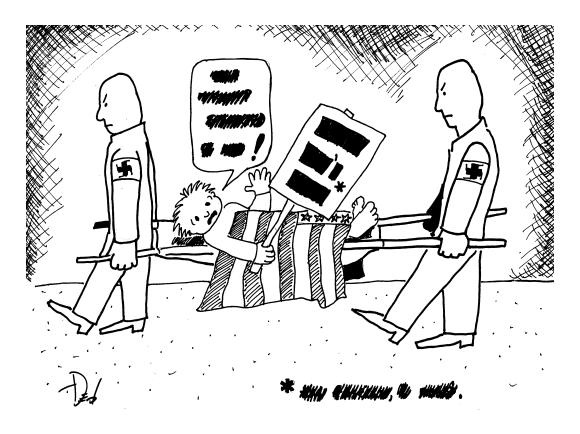


D is DIPLOMACY, nuked just for sport $_{\mbox{\scriptsize by Heather Hudson}}$



E is ECONOMY, bankrupt, you betcha

by Satine Phoenix



F is for FREE SPEECH, carried out on a stretcher

by David Ellis Dickerson



G is for GUN LAWS, shot by Wayne LaPierre by Kyle Stanley Hunter



H is for HABITATS, sans clean water and air by Cara Heacock



I is for IMMIGRANTS, deported en masse by Aviv Or



 ${f J}$ is for JUDGES, strong-armed without class by Lar deSouza



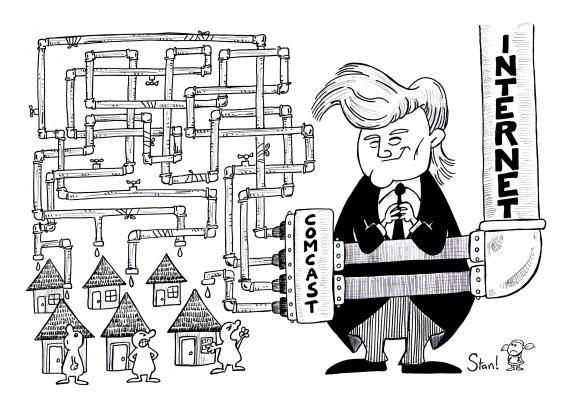
K is for KNOWLEDGE, stuck at a 5th grade level by Veronica Berns



L is for LIBERTY, cast down like the Devil by Natalie Metzger



M is for MUSLIMS, barred by Trump's bombast by Stan Shaw



N's NET NEUTRALITY, ceded to Comcast by Stan!



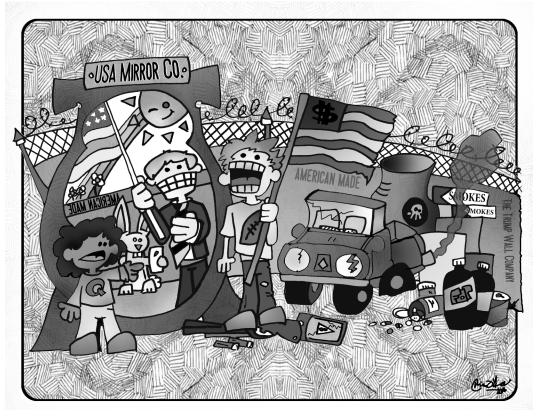
O is OBAMACARE, with few insured

by Shawn Coss

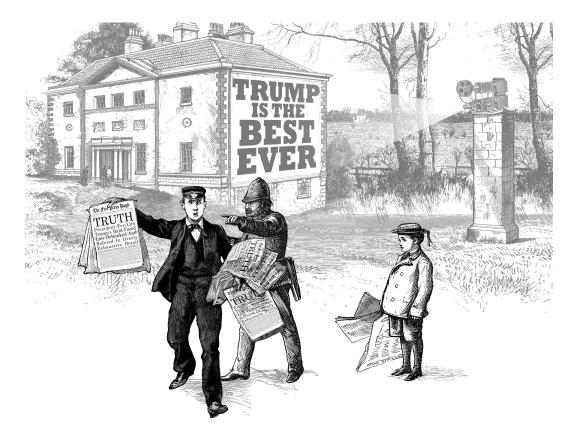


P is for PRIVACY, now unsecured

by Jesper Myrfors



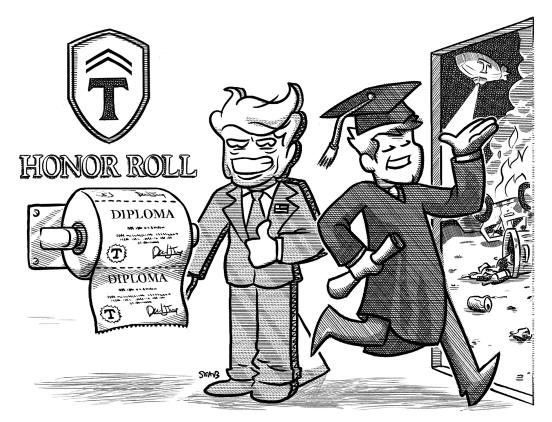
Q is for QUALITY, far from the best by Chris O'Neill



R is REPORTERS, press freedom re-pressed by David Malki!



S is SAME-SEX MARRIAGE, now not permitted by Joe Cabrera



T is for TRUMP U CASE—he's been acquitted!

by Kris Straub

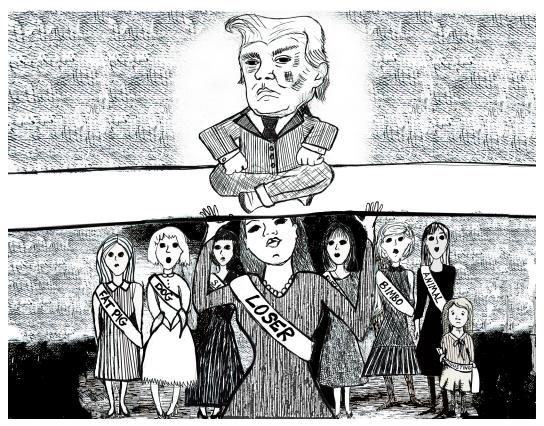


 \boldsymbol{U} is for UNIONS, stomped down into dust

by Mackenzie Schubert



V is for VACCINES, shunned due to distrust by John Kovalic

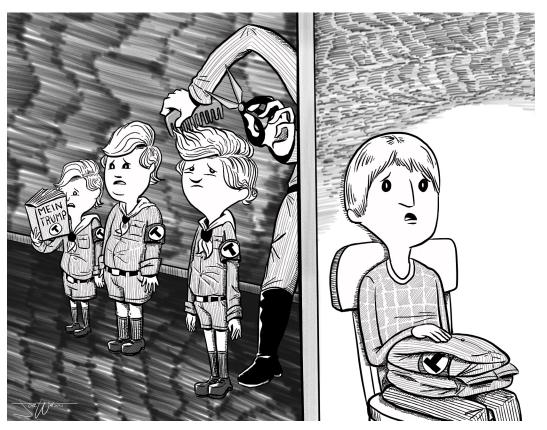


W's for WOMEN, scorned as second rate

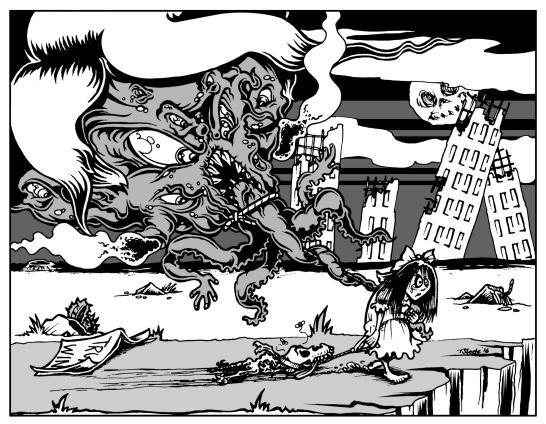
by Elisa Teague



X is for XENOPHOBES—no, they come out great by Sam Wood



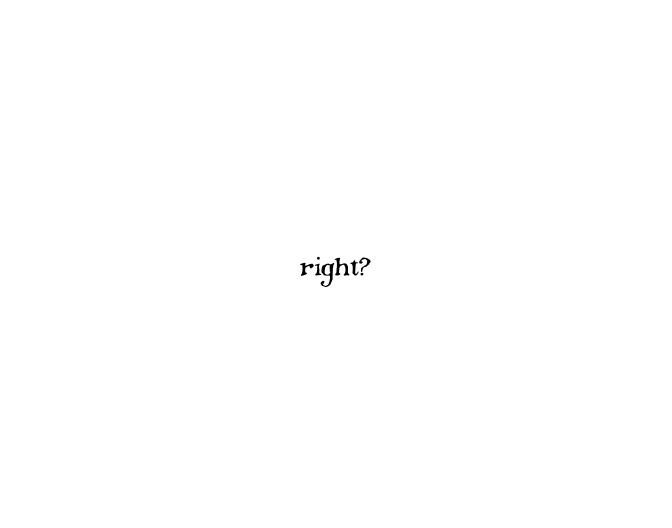
Y is for YOUTH, growing up in dictatorships by Joel Watson



Z is for ZEITGEIST, cuz it's the apocalypse by Tony Steele

Wait! That's ONE future. It might not be in sight.

If we vote, we can stop him. We can do it...



Mr. Selinker doffs his deerstalker to these amazing artists.

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N's Net Neutrality by Stan! @stannex stannex.com

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by Jesper Myrfors

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R Is Reporters by David Malki! @malki wondermark.com

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Y Is for Youth by Joel Watson @hijinksensue hijinksensue.com

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